2025 – UPSC Mains Essay Paper

Total time: 3 Hours **Total Marks: 250 marks**

Write an essay by choosing one topics from each section. Word limit: 1000 – 1200 words. [125 X 2=250]

Section A

1. Truth knows no color.
2. The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting.
3. Thought finds a world and creates one also.
4. Best lessons are learnt through bitter experiences.

Section B

5. Muddy water is best cleared by leaving it alone.
6. The years teach much which the days never know.
7. It is best to see life as a journey, not as a destination.
8. Contentment is natural wealth; luxury is artificial poverty.

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